

The Wings of the Morning

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CHAPTER III.

THE sailor wasted no time in idle bewilderment. He searched carefully for traces of the missing Lascars. He came to the conclusion that the bodies had been dragged from off the sun dried rocks into the lagoon by some agency the nature of which he could not even conjecture.

They were lying many feet above the sea level when he last saw them, little more than half an hour earlier. At that point the beach shelved rapidly. He could look far into the depths of the rapidly clearing water. Nothing was visible there save several varieties of small fish.

The incident puzzled and annoyed him. Still thinking about it, he sat down on the highest rock and pulled off his heavy boots to empty the water out. He also divested himself of his stockings and spread them out to dry.

The action reminded him of Miss Deane's necessities. He hurried to a point whence he could call out to her and recommend her to dry some of her clothing during his absence. He retired even more quickly, fearing lest he should be seen. Iris had already displayed to the sunlight a large portion of her costume.

Without further delay he set about a disagreeable but necessary task. From the pockets of the first officer and doctor he secured two revolvers and a supply of cartridges, evidently intended to settle any dispute which might have arisen between the ship's officers and the native members of the crew. He hoped the cartridges were unfired, but he could not test them at the moment for fear of alarming Miss Deane.

Both officers carried pocketbooks and pencils. In one of these, containing dry leaves, the sailor made a careful inventory of the money and other valuable effects he found upon the dead, besides noting names and documents where possible. Curiously enough, the capitalist of this island morgue was a Lascar, who in a belt around his waist hoarded more than a hundred pounds in gold. The sailor tied in a handkerchief all the money he collected and ranged pocketbooks, letters and jewelry in separate little heaps. Then he stripped the men of their boots and outer clothing. He could not tell how long the girl and he might be detained on the island before help came, and fresh garments were essential. It would be foolish sentimentality to trust to stores thrown ashore from the ship.

Nevertheless when it became necessary to search and disrobe the women he almost broke down. For an instant he softened. Gulping back his emotions with a savage imprecation, he doggedly persevered. At last he paused to consider what should be done with the bodies. His first intent was to scoop a large hole in the sand with a piece of timber, but when he took into consideration the magnitude of the labor involved, requiring many hours of hard work and a waste of precious time which might be of infinite value to his helpless companion and himself, he was forced to abandon the project. It was not only impracticable, but dangerous.

Again he had to set his teeth with grim resolution. One by one the bodies were shot into the lagoon from the little quay of rock. He knew they would not be seen again.

He arose and shook himself like a dog. There was much to be done. He gathered the clothes and other articles into a heap and placed portions of shattered packing cases near to mislead Iris. While thus engaged he looked up out of the sand a rusty creese, or Malay sword. The presence of this implement startled him. He examined it slowly and thrust it out of sight.

Then he went back to her, after donning his stockings and boots, now thoroughly dry.

"Are you ready now, Miss Deane?" he sang out cheerily.

"Ready? I have been waiting for you."

Jenks chuckled quietly. "I must guard my tongue. It betrays me," he said to himself.

Iris joined him. By some mysterious means she had effected great improvement in her appearance. Yet there were manifest gaps.

"If only I had a needle and thread!" she began.

"If that is all," said the sailor, fumbling in his pockets. He produced a shabby little hussif containing a thimble, scissors, needles and some skeins of unbleached thread. Case and contents were sodden or rusted with salt water, but the girl fastened upon this treasure with a sigh of deep content.

"Now, please," she cried, "I want a telegraph office and a ship."

When they reached the sands she caught sight of the pile of clothes and the broken woodwork, with the small heaps of valuables methodically arranged. The harmless subterfuge did not deceive her. She darted a quick look of gratitude at her companion. How thoughtful he was! After a fearful glance around she was reassured, though she wondered what had become

of them.

"I see you have been busy," she said, nodding toward the clothes and boots.

"Yes," he replied simply. "Lucky find, wasn't it?"

"Most fortunate. When they are quite dry I will replenish my wardrobe. What is the first thing to be done?"

"Well, Miss Deane, I think our programme is, in the first place, to examine the articles thrown ashore and see if any of the cases contain food. Secondly, we should haul high and dry everything that may be of use to us, lest the weather should break again and the next tide sweep away the spoil. Thirdly, we should eat and rest, and, finally, we must explore the island before the light fails. I am convinced we are alone here. It is a small place at the best, and if any Chinamen were ashore they would have put in an appearance long since."

"Do you think, then, that we may remain here long?"

"It is impossible to form an opinion on that point. Help may come in a day. On the other hand—"

"Yes?"

"It is a wise thing, Miss Deane, to prepare for other contingencies."

"Do you mean," she said slowly, "that we may be imprisoned here for weeks, perhaps months?"

"If you cast your mind back a few hours you will perhaps admit that we are very fortunate to be here at all."

She whisked round upon him. "Do not fence with my question, Mr. Jenks. Answer me!"

He bowed. There was a perceptible return of his stubborn cynicism when he spoke.

"The facts are obvious, Miss Deane. The loss of the Sirdar will not be definitely known for many days. It will be assumed that she has broken down. The agents in Singapore will await cabled tidings of her whereabouts. She might have drifted anywhere in that typhoon. Ultimately they will send out a vessel to search, impelled to that course a little earlier by your father's anxiety. Pardon me, I did not intend to pain you. I am speaking my mind."

"Go on," said Iris bravely.

"The relief ship must search the entire China sea. The gale might have driven a disabled steamer north, south, east or west. A typhoon travels in a whirling spiral, you see, and the direction of a drifting ship depends wholly upon the locality where she sustained damage. The coasts of China, Java, Borneo and the Philippines are not equipped with lighthouses on every headland and cordoned with telegraph wires. There are river pirates and savage races to be reckoned with. Casting aside all other possibilities and assuming that a prompt search is made to the south of our course, this part of the ocean is full of reefs and small islands, some inhabited permanently, others visited occasionally by fishermen." He was about to add something, but checked himself.

"To sum up," he continued hurriedly, "we may have to remain here for many days, even months. There is always a chance of speedy help. We must act, however, on the basis of detention for an indefinite period. I am discussing appearances as they are. A survey of the island may change all these views."

"In what way?"

He turned and pointed to the summit of the tree covered hill behind them.

"From that point," he said, "we may see other and larger islands. If so, they will certainly be inhabited. I am surprised this one is not."

He ended abruptly. They were losing time. Before Iris could join him he was already hauling a large undamaged case out of the water.

He laughed unthinkingly. "Champagne!" he said. "A good brand too!"

This man was certainly an enigma. Iris wrinkled her pretty forehead in the effort to place him in a fitting category. His words and accent were those of an educated gentleman, yet his actions and manners were studiously uncouth when he thought she was observing him. The veneer of roughness puzzled her. That he was naturally of refined temperament she knew quite well, not alone by perception, but by the plain evidence of his earlier dealings with her.

To the best of her ability she silently helped in the work of salvage. They made a queer collection. A case of champagne and another of brandy, a box of books, a pair of night glasses, a compass, several boxes of ship's biscuits, coated with salt, but saved by their hardness, having been immersed but a few seconds; two large cases of hams in equally good condition, some huge dish covers, a bit of twisted iron-work and a great quantity of cordage and timber.

There was one very heavy package, which their united strength could not lift. The sailor searched around until he found an iron bar that could be wrenched from its socket. With this he pried open the strong outer cover and revealed the contents—regulation boxes of ammunition, each containing 600 rounds.

ITCHING ECZEMA

In July, 1883, I began to break out with Eczema on my head, legs and arms, and began treatment with local doctors, but did not get much relief. They said the disease had become chronic. I then quit them and tried various ointments and soaps for another two years, but as soon as cold weather came I was as bad off as ever, so I finally decided to let medicine alone, and for twelve or thirteen years did nothing towards curing the Eczema, except bathing. This seemed to do about as much good as anything I had tried.

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"Ah," he cried. "Now we want some rifles."

"What good would they be?" inquired Iris.

He softly denounced himself as a fool, but he answered at once: "To shoot birds, of course, Miss Deane. There are plenty here, and many of them are edible."

They worked in silence for another hour. The sun was nearing the zenith. They were distressed with the increasing heat of the day. Jenks secured a ham and some biscuits, some pieces of driftwood and the binoculars and invited Miss Deane to accompany him to the grove. She obeyed without a word, though she wondered how he proposed to light a fire. To contribute something toward the expected feast she picked up a dish cover and a bottle of champagne.

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The big towboat Oakland is the second of the combine's steamers to meet with disaster at the Henderson bridge. She passed Paducah today en route south with a big tow of nearly 50 boats.

The wind was high Friday when she reached Henderson, and she laid up a whole day waiting for it to subside. She finally attempted to go through the bridge, which is perilous for one of the big steamers at any time, and one of the barges of coal struck and was sunk. It was only by prompt landing that the remainder of the tow was saved.

The Harry Brown, which was close behind, tied up and did not attempt to make the bridge in the wind.

The Alice Brown and Hoxie were wind bound above Henderson for over a day and with the Harry Brown will pass down today with big tows, all for New Orleans.

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Mrs. B. W. Evans, Charwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by DuBois, Kolb & Co., Paducah, Ky.

Goes to Arizona.

Mr. J. T. Cheek, formerly chief dispatcher for the I. C. Paducah district, who left here and went to work at Carbondale, Ill., on the St. Louis division of the road, will go to Tucson, Arizona, where he has accepted a position on the Missouri Pacific road as dispatcher.

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Wear the plaster before applying—if not relieved by bedtime, place a hot water bag against the plaster for 30 minutes.

For pains in the region of the shoulders or for a weak back the plaster should be applied as shown in illustration.

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Gauge today is 31.7, a fall of over a foot since yesterday. The weather is cool and cloudy, with only a slight wind.

The Buttorf came in today to take her former run between Paducah and Nashville, and left at noon for Clarks ville.

The Charleston arrived from Tennessee river and is at the wharf loading for her return trip tomorrow evening.

The Tennessee is due tonight from Tennessee river.

The Dick Fowler left at 8 a. m. today for Cairo.

The John S. Hopkins left at 10 a. m. for Evansville, and the Joe Fowler left Evansville this afternoon for Paducah.

The Castalia returned yesterday from a trip up Cumberland river, with Capt. J. B. Lord, of the Ayer-Lord Tie Co., and a party of Chicago friends. They had a most delightful trip, and left by rail yesterday for Chicago.

The Castalia left today for Hatchie river.

The Jessie B. came in today from the Ohio with corn and unloaded at the N. C. and St. L. wharf.

The James T. Duffy is laying up, petting in mud drums.

Mrs. Harry C. Gilbert was a guest for the round trip from Evansville, on the John S. Hopkins today. Capt. Gilbert reports as much business on the Ohio between Paducah and Evansville as his boat can handle.

There is no "ordinary" speed of rivers. They differ widely, not only from one another, but in different parts of their course and at different seasons of the year. The lower Amazon has a speed generally of three miles an hour, the lower Mississippi three and a half, the Ohio five miles.

The Congo has a speed of nine miles. The Rhone is the swiftest river in the world, with a speed as high as forty miles an hour and as low as six. The current of a river is slowest at the bottom and sides and along the center of currents is the greatest speed, and where there are no sudden turns in the course the deepest water is found there.

Capt. J. E. McCullough will go to Paducah Monday to bring the steamer Columbia to this city. The boat was bought a few weeks ago by Capt. Walter Blair of Davenport.—Globe Democrat.

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